

what a door was for, and he replied, "To go to the south." But speaking of Canadians reminds me of my trip through Canada. It was one of the finest supper and speech-making. I could not get away. The Canadians are genial, sociable, mainly men; men of sterling character, who are not afraid to speak their mind, and who know how to win well. But they are insatiable for knowledge. They are not afraid to ask, and I know an American happens among them they will give him all the open arms—cannot do much for him. But when they cross the border they are dignity personified and keep their hands and feet in their joint, as if every man they just wanted to rob them."

The Morey Letter.

Its History Soon to be Published.

The Boston Advertiser says: In view of the responses about to be made, the following letter from the Hon. A. S. Hewitt, is the chairman of the national Republican committee, is characterized by every vigorous one. Little doubt is

heard of late in regard to the Morey letter but those entrusted with the investigation of that conspiracy and forgery have never for a moment relaxed their efforts to discover the guilty actors. These attempts have at last been crowned with success, and information has reached Washington which justifies the statement that the public will soon be made acquainted with a full history of the Morey letter.

many "revel" and he subsequently stated that
 members of the national Democratic commit-
 tee will stand before the country as *partisan*
criminis. The following is the text of Mr.
 Hewitt's letter:
 OFFICE OF COOPER, HEWITT & CO.,
 17 BURLIN SLIP,
 NEW YORK, Feb. 7, 1881.
 My Dear Governor:—In the New York Ex-
 press of Saturday evening I found published what was
 purported to be a letter from you, in which, refer-
 ring to your efforts to discover the author of the

that we shall get at the true inwardness of the matter, but we need money with which to prosecute the inquiry. We are asking our friends to contribute in sums of one hundred dollars or less. From the positive statements which I have seen in the newspapers, I had reason to suppose you had already secured the evidence necessary to establish the authorship of the wicked letter, which I supposed to have been signed by General Garfield, at which he afterwards repudiated as brutal. I regret to learn that this is not the case, and, being convinced that it concerns Democrats quite as much

matter, as you phrase it, I enclose herewith a check for one hundred dollars as a contribution toward the funds necessary to bring the inquiry to a successful conclusion. In case your request does not bring you sufficient means for that purpose, I believe that you will let me know, in order that I may join you in raising the necessary funds, and I earnestly urge you not to slacken your efforts to "Hunt the rascal down."

Sincerely yours, ABRAHAM S. HEWITT.

To Hon. Marshall Jewell, Chairman, National Republican Committee, Hartford Conn.

How Shall We Reform the School System?

To the Editor of the Press:

I suppose that nearly everyone who has an special interest in the common schools of the State feels that the system is far from perfect and it is not strange that that feeling find vent every year in attempts to secure

If I were to ask an explanation of the fact, I can fancy some one answering after this fashion: "There has been no persistence in these attempts to secure legislative action; the leading friends of education have hardly seemed to know what they have done."

years ago State uniformity of text books was the cry; that issue has been practically dropped. More recently, a demand was made for county boards for the examination of teachers, on the ground that the town school committees were not fit for that duty, and this winter a law was asked for, to take the hiring of teachers from the district agent, and give it into the hands of these boards.

This answer would not cover the ground, nor would it be fair in its summary of the measures that have from time to time been brought before the Legislature. Still there are grains of truth in it. It seems to me that if anything is to be accomplished by legislation, the leading educators must be

But further, I am inclined to believe that too much stress is laid upon assistance from the Legislature, and that it is possible to effect the most satisfactory and permanent results without it.

cal weaknesses in the school system. Each has been refused the sanction of the Legislature but the refusal has by no means cut off all remedy. For instance, while it would be an improvement to entrust the employment of teachers to school committees rather than to the agents, I presume that no advocate of that measure would deny that a far greater advantage is gained by abolishing the school districts and making the town the unit in the system.

Now the matter itself could not at present be brought about by Legislative enactment, but it can be and has been adopted by individual towns, to the satisfaction, I believe, of every intelligent citizen. This measure, unlike the other, removes all possibility of a conflict of authority, gives schools of uniform length and quality throughout the town, and secures something like permanency in the teaching force. Furthermore, the change once made is likely to be a lasting one. It seems to me that it would be well to have the State legislate

It would require no great effort to have the question presented definitely within a year in half of the towns of the State; certainly no more effort than would be needed to awake among the people a feeling in favor of any educational reform, sufficient to give it a ghost of a chance before the Legislature.

The people will consent to change a part of their town policy themselves, far more readily than they will submit to such a change when imposed upon them.

Every town that adopts the new system becomes a powerful lever to aid in the movement.

A word in regard to the other two measures.

State uniformity of text books has become in this State a "dead issue," but the evils it was meant to remove still live. The plan of supplying pupils with text books by the towns adopted with excellent results by Bath and Lewiston, would, if generally accepted, do away with any need of, or desire for, State uniformity.

Here again is an opportunity for work in the towns.

But some of the leading teachers of the State have recently formed an association (the Maine Pedagogical Society) on a plan similar to that adopted by members of other professions, which, if the bones of its founders are

To sum up what I have been trying to express:

I believe that, at any rate for the next few years, friends of education should look to the town house rather than to the state house for legislation; that the necessary public sentiment can be awakened by appeals directly to the people through the press and educational meetings, better than by petitions and addresses to local legislatures.

educators by thorough and extended organization can do more than in any other way to make, in educational progress, the future the past to shame.

Old Folks' Concert.

The Old Folks reached Standish village last Wednesday evening. Their first appearance created considerable wonder and innocent

chiefs, and the like, as then greeted our eyes seldom find their way outside the dark close of some old fashioned household. We hardly recognized our familiar friends in their new (old) attire till we heard their voices. But when they gave us old Turner, Portland Mass., &c., with now and then a song of more worldly sentiment, we readily recognized that music has her charms. A general expression

of delight and satisfaction went through the attentive audience. "Call John" was followed by such an encore that the singers appeared and the valiant John was recalled to the front to the great delight of all. A fine piano, kindly loaned for the occasion, responded to the skillful touch of one of the Folks, and a bass viol, which is said to have had a longer name than Rip Van Winkle's, woke up as bright as you please and gave the men singers standing near the right-hand of its strength. So much

that we have persuaded them to return and repeat their concert in the Congregational church next Wednesday evening, March 16th. We can gladly give fifteen cents to hear them again.

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